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In re application of:

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Appl. No. 09/300,482

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Madam:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from June 23, 2001 to September 23, 2001, by the filing of this Petition.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$890.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. **The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to charge the three (3) month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.216.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those being charged to our deposit account are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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